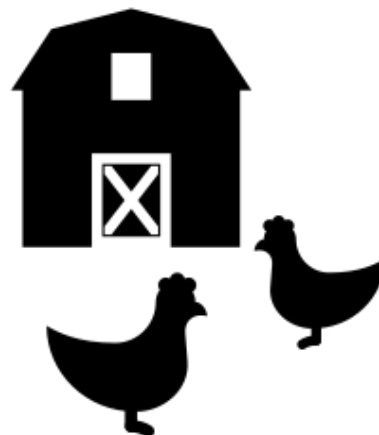# Free Range Curiosity

Letting Your Brain Wander Productively

Give Me a Home Where the… Chickens Roam?

Imagine free range chickens. They go out into the field and just explore - they peck, lay, and squawk wherever their curiosity takes them. Because of their natural diet they're that much healthier (and tastier if that's your thing).

There is no real rhyme or reason when you are exploring like this. Your curiosity can take you on any path it chooses. All you do is follow your curious thoughts, dig even deeper into a subject, and get excited about what you find!

But how can you let your thoughts run wild?

Playing the Wiki-Philosophy Game

Building time for your brain to wander aimlessly sounds like an oxymoron. How can you plan spontaneity? One easy way is to go on a free range journey through Wikipedia – the free, open-source online encyclopedia.

Did you know that – if you click the first link in any Wikipedia article, then the first link in *that article*, and so on – all roads lead to "Philosophy?" 97% of all Wikipedia articles will lead you to the entry on Philosophy. But the things you can learn along the way on a journey like that can fill your brain with new and weird knowledge.

Try it yourself! Look up something you're curious about in Wikipedia. It might be a topic or event that's always interested you. It might be some small part of your park's story.

As you're reading along, right-click (or ctrl-click) links that look like they might be interesting and open them in a new window. After you've finished that first article, head to your new one and do the same thing.

Fall down that rabbit hole! You might have started learning about sod house construction, but pretty soon you may find yourself learning about renaissance sculptors, the flight patterns of honey bees, or even that good old final destination: philosophy.

What weird and wild things did you learn on your free-range journey? Write them down on this page, then share your new esoteric knowledge with a friend!

A Few Weird Things I Learned…

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